

May he enjoy many years of success and happiness as he continues his service protecting our communities in the Columbus area.

HONORING JDANNY COOPER

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize the distinguished career and civic accomplishments of JDanny Cooper on the occasion of his retirement as the Executive Vice President of the Alabama Association of REALTORS.

If there are three words that one would associate with JDanny, they would be service, integrity, and friendship. These qualities have helped him to be successful in all of his fields of endeavor and, in turn, have made the individuals and organizations that he has worked for successful in their own right.

JDanny was named AAR's Executive Vice President in 1989 and developed a reputation for providing steady and wise leadership and promoting responsible home ownership. JDanny's advocacy of high standards and ethical practices has benefited countless homeowners throughout the State of Alabama, creating stronger neighborhoods and communities.

In 2002 and again in 2005, JDanny served as the first Association Executive appointed as a Committee Liaison by the President of the National Association of REALTORS. He has made presentations to 17 state associations to share successes achieved by the AAR. His contributions were honored nationally in 2004 when he was inducted into the Dr. Almon R. (Bud) Smith Association Executive Leadership Society.

As a citizen, JDanny has always believed in one's civic duty to actively participate in our governing process. He has served as a member of the Governor's cabinet, as the State Director for a United States Senator, as the executive director of a state political party, and as a state manager for a presidential campaign.

Education has been another of JDanny's enduring passions. JDanny holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History as well as a Masters of Education degree in Administration from the University of Montevallo. A former schoolteacher and director of a university's Veterans Affairs office, JDanny was named the University of Montevallo's Alumnus of the Year in 2003 and currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

JDanny gives his time to many professional boards and organizations, including the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Center for Real Estate, the Business Association's Tax Coalition, the Business Council of Alabama, and the Alabama Civil Justice Reform Commission. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives. A volunteer fundraiser for the American Village, he is the Governor's Representative on the American Village Cornerstone of Liberty Commission.

JDanny would be the first to credit his success to the support of his loving family. He and his wife Dianne have two sons, Jay and Robin, and two wonderful granddaughters, Caroline and Ella Kate, through Jay and his wife Susan. In March, Robin will marry the love of his life, Morgan Hightower.

There are not many people you can think of that are known by their first name alone, but JDanny Cooper is one of them. He has achieved that distinction by being a listener, a leader, and a source of inspiration for the many privileged to know him. It is fitting and proper to have JDanny's contributions to the State of Alabama and our country recorded in the annals of the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll-call vote No. 7 on January 4, 2013. I was attending the opening of an orphanage in Haiti established in honor of my constituent, Britney

Gengel, who died in the 2010 earthquake, and I was unable to attend votes on that day. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 41.

EXCERPTS FROM THE  
CONSTITUTION

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following excerpts from the Constitution.

ARTICLE I

"Section 8. The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

AMENDMENT I

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

AMENDMENT XIII

"Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

"Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

THE 14TH AMENDMENT XIV SECTION 1

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."